(c) While development of Small Scale Industries is primarily the responsibility of the State/UT Governments, the Central Government has taken several steps to improve their performace by implementing various schemes for Integrated Infrastructure Development, technology upgradation, marketing and entrepreneurial development etc. In addition, on 30th August 2000, the Prime Minister announced a Comprehensive Policy Package for the promotion and development of Small Scale Sector to enhance its competitiveness, both domestically and globally.The policy package consists of enhanced fiscal and credit support, better infrastructure and marketing facilities and incentives for technology upgradation.

Postponement of 'Mission to Moon' Programme

†313. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to postpone the space programme 'Mission to Moon' if not, by when the project would be completed and the amount likely to be spent thereon;

(b) whether this project has been taken up to maintain parity with the neighbouring countries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir. The National Task Team's technical report on the proposed unmanned mission to moon is under review. Only after considering all aspects, including the scientific objectives, the cost and schedule of the project will be available.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Meteorological Satellite

314. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the second week of September, 2002, ISRO successfully launched METSAT;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.